



September Updates!

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Welcome to Fall!

It's a busy time of year! There a lot going on---and I appreciate your willingness to attend meetings and training sessions in these early months of school. I'm still working on updating the group email list. Please let me know if you have people from your school that should be added. My email address is: mkucker@edec.org.



Mark Your Calendars!

Put these dates on your calendar! More information will follow on these events soon!

September 27 - HSTW/MMGW Network Meeting – Mitchell

October 2-3 – Site Development Workshop for New Schools – or for those wanting a refresher! – Mitchell

October 10 – USA Today Pilot Site Meeting - Mitchell

October 16-17 - Data Retreat – Mitchell

This workshop is for all schools who gave students the HSTW Assessment last January/February

October 18 – Senior Project Workshop - Watertown

October 24 – Innovations in CTE – Sioux Falls

October 25 – Senior Project Workshop – Rapid City

Technical Assistance Site Visits

Dates have been set for technical assistance site visits at these schools:

Baltic – November 13 -15

Burke – October 24 – 26

Chester – November 6 and 7

Lake Area Multi District & Watertown High School – Dec. 6-8

Madison – October 31, 31, and November 1

Timber Lake – November 13 – 15

Tri –Valley – November 8-10

Wessington Springs – October 17-19

Would the following schools call me to discuss setting up a technical assistance site visit--or a technical review visit:

Andes Central, Beresford, Brandon, Bridgewater, Sanborn Central, Sturgis, Tea, and Watertown Middle School. Schools new to the network have the option of waiting until next year for the onsite visit.

Technical Review Visits to schools are usually scheduled 18 month after the Technical Assistance Site visit. These 1 ½ day visits focus on program made toward achieving the challenges outlined during the Technical Assistance Review.

Check out these websites!

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/highschools/index.asp> - SD HSTW/MMGW
sreb.org – “National” High Schools That Work



Memorandum of Understanding

Each year, all SD Schools participating the in the HSTW/MMGW network are asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. Would you print off the Memorandum on the HSTW webpage and return to me at 715 E 14th Street, Sioux Falls SD 57104. Here's the link:

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/highschools/index.asp>

Career Clusters

Have you been hearing about career clusters and wonder what it's all about? Check out this website: careerclusters.org. Watch for information coming out from the Office of Career and Technical Education soon on the SD plan!